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January 1985

23 Battalions tracked. Report to Office of Technology Assessment shows changes -

Four major changes:

- a. Battalions rather than companies to be used.
- b. Ranking of unit exposure likelihood will not determine selection of men.
- c. Personnel Records and Morning Reports will be used to verify vets period of service.
- d. Infantry - Artillery units only.

March 1985

Three modifications:

- a. New coding.
- b. More location recording.
- c. Reabstract battalion 4.

27, 28 March 1985

Now use gazeteer and maps.

18 November 1985

Interim Report number 2 CDC proposed more changes:

- a. Reviewing 6,000 201 Files will increase to 8,670. At a subsequent meeting on 20 November 1985 figures changed to 6,600.
- b. Will require additional tracking time periods (1966 and 1969).
- c. Will eliminate approximately 70% of vets already qualified.

21 November 1985

40 Battalions tracked.

## CHRONOLOGY OF CHANGES IN THE AGENT ORANGE STUDY

January 1983	Transfer of study to Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
February 1983	Assisted with military input to the original protocol.
* June 1983 - Jan 1984	ESG pilot study of 10 companies.
16 November 1983	Identified 122 Combat Battalions and Combat Support units. Initiated Vietnam Experience Study. - completed April 1985.
18 November 1983	50 Battalions now required. 1400 individuals per month.
13 January 1984	Initiation of ESG support for CDC Agent Orange Study. Automation delay in arrival of CDC PCs. Constant changes in the rules for use of worksheets.
01 February 1984	Extract all coordinate and <u>locations</u> .
15 June 1984	Did away with KAYPROS and back to manual mode.
24 July 1984	Telecon about most recent version of time table which now moves up ESG time schedule.
26 July 1984	14 point ESG briefing paper raises questions about procedures.
08 November 1984	<u>20</u> Battalions tracked.
09 November 1984	Major changes to protocol given to ESG.
21 December 1984	Major changes to protocol given to ESG.
	The requirement for 50 Battalion increased to 65. Shorter time lines. Quality Control Plan implemented 11 months into study.
	Personnel Data Abstractions increased from 1433 subjects to 2500 per month. Original protocol called for 26 data elements.
	Vietnam Experience change to 73 data elements.
	Agent Orange - 143 Data Elements. Back page added, which required additional research.